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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7, 8-10, 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Cruickshank (US PAT: 6,704,294, filed 10-13-1999).

Regarding claim 1, Cruickshank discloses a method of privately sharing served resources between a first and second computers connected to an internetwork for exchanging network packets there between, wherein the served resources reside in the first computer and wherein each of the computers has a respective private IP address within the interenetwork, the method comprising the steps of: maintaining a central server in (114, fig. 1) coupled to the internetwork and containing a database of IP addresses of registered computers (fig. 1, col. 2 lines 48-56), running a call client in each of the first and second computers (112/122, fig. 1) for establishing a data call between the first and second computers in response to the database of IP addresses, generating within the first or second computer a request for sharing the served resources, running a server application in the first computer for hosting the served resources (implicit as the reference teaches sharing collaboration applications, col. 5 lines 9-12, col. 10 lines 47-49), running a client application in the first and second

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computers for retrieving the served resources from the server applications simultaneously, wherein the server application and client application running in the second computer exchange network packets in response to the IP address used by the call client (col. 3, line 38 – col. 5, line 13; col. 10 lines 43-49).

Regarding claim 8, Cruickshank discloses computer apparatus for privately sharing served resources residing in the computer apparatus with a remote computer via an internetwork for exchanging network packets, the computer apparatus and the remote computer having respective private IP addresses within the internetwork, the computer apparatus comprising: a call client for transmitting information identifying the remote computer (122, fig. 1) to a central server in (114, fig. 1) maintaining a database of IP addresses of registered computers, and establishing a data call between the computer apparatus and the computer in response to the database of IP addresses, a server application for hosting the server resources (implicit as the reference teaches sharing collaboration applications, col. 5 lines 9-12, col. 10 lines 47-49), a client application for retrieving the served resources from the server application, wherein the server application is configured to exchange network packets with a remote client application running on the remote computer in response to the database of IP addresses (col. 3, line 38 – col. 5, line 13; col. 10 lines 43-49).

Regarding claim 11, Cruickshank discloses a software product for privately sharing served resources between a resident computer and a remote computer over a computer network, the software product comprising: software configured to transmit information identifying the remote computer (122, fig. 1) to the central server in (114, fig.

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1) maintaining a database (118, fig. 1) of IP addresses of registered computers, running a call client for establishing a data call between the resident computer and the remote computer in response to the database of IP addresses, generating request for sharing the served resources, running a server application in the resident computer for hosting the served resources (implicit as the reference teaches sharing collaboration applications, col. 5 lines 9-12, col. 10 lines 47-49), and running a client applications in the resident computer (112, fig. 1) and the remote computer (124, fig. 1) for retrieving the served resources from the server application simultaneously, wherein the server application and the client application running in the remote computer exchange network packets in response to the IP addresses used by the call client, a storage system in (112/122/118, fig. 1) that stores the software product (col. 3, line 38 – col. 5, line 13; col. 10 lines 43-49).

Regarding claims 2-7, 9-10, 12-16, Cruickshank further teaches the following: ip address used in the call client of the first computer (112, fig. 1) is reported to the server application and wherein the server application send a session initiation message to the client application running on the second computer, wherein IP address used in the call client of the second computer is reported to the client application running in the second computer (122, fig. 2) and wherein the client application in the second computer sends a session intimation message to the server application, server application exchanges network packets with the client application running in the second computer using a network session already established for the data call, call clients terminate operation during the exchange between the server application and client application running in the

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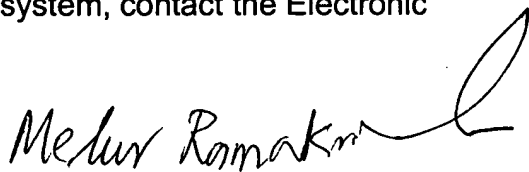
second computer, request for sharing the served resources causes launching of the server application and the client applications, originating a voice telephone call between users of the first and second computers in response to target telephone number, transmitting the target telephone number to the central server in (114, fig. 1) for determining one of the IP addresses (col. 3, line 38 – col. 5, line 13, col. 10 lines 43-49), user interface responsive to a user for launching the server application and the client application in order to initiate sharing of the served resources wherein the user interface presents the served resources to the user (col. 8 lines 8-12, col. 10 lines 47-49), server application and the client application are launched in response for sharing the served resources (col. 3, line 38 – col. 5, line 13, col. 10 lines 43-49).

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